

# **FOUNTAIN HILLS – A YEAR IN REVIEW**

## **Maricopa County Sheriff Department**

- The Sheriff's office donated \$8,000 to the Fountain Hills High School for its drug education efforts.
- The Sheriff's Office Midnight madness program raised over \$13,000 that it has since donated to the Fountain Hills Late Night program, Fountain Hills boy's lacrosse team, Fountain Hills girl's softball league, and the Fountain Hills Karate club.
- The Fountain Hills Sheriff's posse donated 6000 hours to the community, which saved taxpayers nearly \$90,000.00.
- Sheriff's detectives investigated and cleared over 60 high profile felony and identity theft cases.
- Sheriff's deputies responded to and investigated 10,712 calls for service from the citizens of Fountain Hills.

## **Fountain Hills Fire Department – Rural Metro**

- Took possession of the ladder truck for Station 2.
- Received grant monies to purchase 15 new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and enough new brush gear to fully outfit all 24 firefighters for brush season.
- Total calls for July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 = 2670
- Total calls for July 1, 2002 - December 31, 2002 = 1400

## **Street Department**

- Resurfaced Shea Blvd from Scottsdale to Beeline.
- Restriped Shea Blvd from Scottsdale to Beeline and installed new reflective pavement markers.
- Identified, tagged and entered 3,954 signs in the computerized sign maintenance program.
- Cracksealed 17 miles of streets.
- Installed 40 tons of asphalt patching.
- Brush control along 133 miles of right-of-way, removed 30 tons of debris and brush.
- Performed 200 computerized traffic counts.
- Installed over 1100 signs (street, directional and traffic control).
- Applied 95 miles of roadway striping.
- Applied 6,000' of crosswalk and stop bars.
- Installed 5,000 reflective pavement markers.
- Graded 40 miles of roadway shoulders.
- Vehicle/equipment maintenance: Performed 317 scheduled services and 270 unscheduled repairs.

## **Public Works**

- Continued wash management program in portions of Emerald Wash, Hesperus Wash, Colony Wash and Malta Drain.
- Performed landscape upgrades to Palisades Blvd and Golden Eagle Blvd.
- Installed 8 new benches along Avenue of the Fountains.
- Assumed maintenance of the North Heights Dam along with the neighborhood park and the water feature at Palisades and Shea.

## **Community Development/Building Safety**

The Community Development Department received and/or processed:

- 14 new Special Use Permit Applications
- 17 new Conceptual Site Plan Applications for M-F and Commercial Projects
- 56 Subdivision Applications
- 12 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance
- 4 Temporary Use Permit Applications
- 2 General Plan Amendments (One of which is the **General Plan Update**)
- 10 Comprehensive Sign Plan Applications
- 1 Annexation Request (Copperwynd)  
(This analysis does not include Grand Opening Permit Requests, Administrative Use Permits, Cut and Fill Waiver Requests, or Building Permit Applications)
- The Town Council has approved eight (8) Preliminary and/or Final Plats for new multiple family projects with 10 or more dwelling units, totaling approximately 312 new multi-family dwelling units.
- The Town Council has approved 28 new single-family lots (not including Eagle Ridge North or Eagles Nest, which were approved in Dec. 2001).
- The Certificate of Occupancy was issued for Four Peaks Plaza, Eagle Mountain Village Market Place, and the Safeway Expansion.

## **Parks and Recreation Department**

- Have completed the Department's consolidation with and relocation to the Community Center, effective February 1.
- Worked with the local VFW and American Legion groups on the plan that was approved for the Veterans Memorial. The first phase of the project, the cannon pad, is currently having the plans reviewed by Town staff prior to construction beginning.
- Continued to work with the McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission regarding the hiring of a firm to complete design work for a planned permanent trailhead into the McDowell Mountain Preserve. Staff also assisted the group in their continuing efforts to establish an initial trail from the trailhead.
- Continued the positive relationship between the Town and the Fountain Hills School District to jointly utilize school facilities for various programs in return for the District's use of park facilities.
- Continued to provide expanded opportunities to utilize park facilities by the local Little League, Soccer, Pop Warner and Lacrosse youth organizations.
- Despite tight economic times began offered a number of arts and crafts classes utilizing the newly furnished art rooms in the Community Center.
- Have managed to gain sponsorships of several special events so that the St. Patrick's Day and Eggstravaganza activities can indeed be held. Currently seeking additional sponsors for other special events.
- The Mayor's Youth Council volunteered over 1,000 hours last year and is on track to have over 2,000 hours this school year.
- Utilizing the conservative Federal minimum wage rate, this equates to over \$10,000 in volunteer labor contributed to the community.
- Continued cooperative relationship with the Fountain Hills Branch of the Boy's and Girl's Club and the MCSO Midnight Madness
- Foundation to offer a number of youth and late night programs throughout the year.

- Members of the staff received professional recognition this year, through the Arizona Recreation and Park Association, by naming Milo Bonin the, "Young Professional of the Year" and Bryan Hughes receiving the, "Outstanding Partnership Award" for programming. Corey Hromek was elected Chair of the APRA's Youth and Teen Branch for 2003.
- Opened additional fields for youth soccer and lacrosse at Desert Vista Park this year.
- Staff is rebidding the Town's Landscaping Contract this year, which covers the grounds keeping, irrigation and trimming at all park sites and other public properties. Was able to save over \$10,000 this year, despite adding to the acreage to be maintained.

### **Administration Department**

- Recovered \$2.1M from BNY/Merrill Lynch investment in PG&E
- General Fund Revenues received 60% of annual estimate as of 12/31/02
- General Fund Expenditures are down - only 43.8% spent as of 12/31/02
- Projected fund balance on 6/30/03 not \$860,000 but closer to \$2.4M
- Received the Distinguished Budget Preparation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award represents a significant achievement by the Town. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive this award, the Town had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Four guidelines had to be met including: a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.
- Successfully moved the Town's 11-server network system to the law enforcement and court building insuring uninterrupted service of the system in case of a power outage.

• Three year comparisons:	<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>	<b>2002-2003</b>
<b>Clerks Office</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Projected</b>
Attend Council Meetings	41	43	45
Resolutions/Ordinances	56/30	45/18	40/15
Business Licenses New/Renewals	419/1,303	471/1,432	490/1,500
Peddlers Licenses New/Renewals	8/2	3/2	4/2
Alarm Licenses New/Renewals	11/14	3/15	2/18
Liquor Licenses, Special Event Liquor Licenses, Block Parties, & Extension of Premise Licenses	24	31	25
Primary Election Ballots Cast/Counter Voters	---	4,472/300	---
General Election Ballots Cast/Counter Voters	---	3,793/416	---
Respond to Requests for Public Information	84	55	79
Notary Services	21	91	267
Special Elections Ballots Cast/Counter Voters	4,656/396	---	4,000/350
Attend Adopt-A-Street Commercial/Residential	63/57	62/57	65/58
Special Events	11	9	8
<b>Accounting</b>			
Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award	4 <sup>th</sup> year	5 <sup>th</sup> year	6 <sup>th</sup> year
Invoices/Accounts Payable Checks	6,577/2,753	11,241/3,150	10,500/3,000
Requisitions/Purchase Orders	4,350/300	5,800/300	5,700/280
Sales Tax Recovered	21,000	56,801	60,000
Claims Managed	8	10	12
<b>Facilities</b>			
Facilities Repair and Maintenance Requests	---	440	480
<b>Human Resources</b>			
Recruit and Process New Hires/Terminations	---	38/39	35/36